

## THE VETERANS OF 1812.

Considerable speculation having existed in reference to the question of how many survivors of the 1812 war are entitled to pensions under the Act of Feb. 26, 1871, the following data have been compiled from the official records of the War Department, with deductions therefrom made by the Commissioner of Pensions:

During the War of 1812-14 the following number of veterans occurred:

Soldiers of the regular army who served twelve months..... 38,195

Soldiers and marines in the navy who served twelve months..... 17,845

Militiamen who served twelve months..... 7,147

Militiamen who served six months and less than two years..... 66,325

Militiamen who served three months and less than six months..... 129,643

Militiamen who served one month and less than three months..... 147,300

Militiamen who served less than one month..... 27,504

Total enlisting..... 275,504

It appears from the above statement that there were 265,474 who served three months and longer, to which number should be added one-third of those who served one month and less than three months, amounting to 67,693, a total of 296,659 men, in whom ranks those claiming pensions under the act of February 14, 1871, must have served. It was elaborately estimated by the Pension Officer, and repeated by the Secretary of Congress, that there were 50,000 soldiers of the war of 1812-14 still living; that 15,000 soldiers of the war of 1812-14 still serving, survived at that date; and again, in 1865-67, that including widows in that date, 72,655 were then alive. The latter report referred to the number of surviving soldiers of the war of 1812-14 who would be entitled to the benefits of the provisions of the act of June 7, 1862, at the time it was pending in Congress, and to the actual number of men admitted under it, which was far exceeded the estimation, but probably, as might be understood, the duration of the war of 1812-14 was more than double that of 1865-67, and the number enlisting more than double that, so that, proportionally, it may be inferred, the former would be about nine months, and the latter eight months, service, and the other required six months' service without pay or subsistence.

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